8th February 1924]

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" May I ask the hon. Member whether he will consider those petitions when received ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" Yes."

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" May I ask the hon. Member to state whether he will take some action on the Famine Committee Report ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" Action will be taken when it is found necessary."

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" Have reports been received from the Collector of Kurnool as regards any other villages ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" Some reports have been received."

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" Will he be pleased to lay them on the table ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" No objection."

Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI :—" With reference to the answer given in clause (e), will the suspension of kist apply to all villages in the Kurnool district ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" I want notice."

Land Revenue.

Backyard cultivation in Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts.

423 Q.—Mr. L. C. GURUSWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(1) to lay on the table all the orders and the instructions of the Board of Revenue relating to backyard cultivation in Tanjore, Trichinopoly and other deltaic districts ; and

(2) to state whether it is a fact that waste nattam backyards above 25 cents in extent in Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts are penalised to the extent of rupee one under Act III of 1905 ?

A.—(1) & (2) The hon. Member is referred to the Press Communiqué, dated 23rd September 1916, and to G.O. No. 3075, Revenue, dated 27th August 1918, which was placed on Editors' Table.

Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" With reference to the answer given to this question, will the hon. Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table the G.O. No. 3075, dated 27th August 1918, and the Press Communiqué, dated 23rd September 1916, which are very important at least to the Members coming from Tanjore and Trichinopoly ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" They are in the Library."

Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Members have not got them."

The hon. the RAJA OF KOLLENGODE :—" They will see them in the library."

Medical.

Principalship of the Medical College.

424 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders were actually issued by the Surgeon-General intimating to Colonel Chaudhuri, I.M.S., his appointment as the Principal of the Madras Medical College ;

[8th February 1924

(b) whether, subsequently, the appointment of Major Bradfield was gazetted; and

(c) whether Colonel Chaudhuri is one of the most distinguished officers of the Indian Medical Service and whether he is next in rank in seniority to the Surgeon-General?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question 425.

(c) The Government are not prepared to express an opinion on the statement in the first part of the question. The answer to the second part is in the negative.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b) of my question, will the hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the appointment of Major Bradfield was gazetted or not?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The appointment was gazetted."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" May I know when Major Bradfield was appointed as Principal of the Medical College?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" When Colonel Elwes went on leave."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" I want the exact date."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I am sorry I cannot give the date."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" At least the month, Sir?"

(No answer.)

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" Was it before the hon. the Chief Minister tendered his resignation as Minister of the last term?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I think the appointment was made on the 17th November."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Was the appointment made by the hon. the Chief Minister?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL —" The appointment was made by the Government."

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—" Is Mr. Chaudhuri senior to Mr. Bradfield or junior?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I would refer the hon. Member to the Quarterly Civil List."

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—" Is there not any candidate who possesses superior qualifications to Major Bradfield?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I decline to answer that question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" The answer to clause (c) of my question is in the negative. Will the hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state what the exact rank of Major Bradfield is?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Again I would refer my hon. Friend to the Quarterly Civil List."